

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A modular cornice system, comprising:
2 at least one substantially rigid face section;
3 at least one substantially rigid return section having a connector configured to
4 couple the return section and the face section; and
5 at least one retainer on the face section configured to engage a bracket for
6 attaching the cornice system to a mounting surface.
- 1 2. The system of Claim 1 wherein the face section further comprises a
2 front side having a contoured surface and a back side.
- 1 3. The system of Claim 2 further comprising at least one slot-like opening
2 extending at least partially along the front side and configured to retain a cover
3 material applied over at least a portion of the face section.
- 1 4. The system of Claim 3 further comprising at least one slot-like opening
2 extending at least partially along the back side and configured to retain the cover
3 material.
- 1 5. The system of Claim 3 wherein the cover material comprises one or
2 more fabric or textile materials.
- 1 6. The system of Claim 1 further comprising at least one trim member
2 configured to connect with at least one of the face section and the return section.
- 1 7. The system of Claim 6 wherein the trim member is a plurality of trim
2 member segments.
- 1 8. The system of Claim 6 wherein the trim member further comprises a
2 projection configured to engage an opening on at least one of the face section and
3 return section.

1 9. The system of Claim 1 wherein the return section further comprises
2 separate interconnectable pieces.

1 10. The system of Claim 1 wherein the at least one substantially rigid face
2 section is two or more interconnectable face sections.

1 11. The system of Claim 10 further comprising at least one connector
2 configured to interconnect the two or more face sections.

1 12. The system of Claim 1 wherein the retainer further comprises a
2 projection configured to slidably engage the bracket.

1 13. A modular decorating system for use with at least one cover material,
2 comprising:
3 an elongated member having a front side with a contoured surface and a back
4 side;
5 return members having at least one connector configured to couple with
6 opposite ends of the elongated member in a substantially U shaped configuration;
7 at least one substantially nondeformable opening on at least one of the front
8 side and the back side configured to receive a portion of the cover material;
9 so that the cover material may be applied over at least a portion of the
10 elongated member to conform to the contoured surface.

1 14. The system of Claim 13 wherein the cover material is selected from the
2 group consisting of a coating, a paint, a stain, a wallpaper, a fabric, a textile material,
3 and an appliqué.

1 15. The system of Claim 14 wherein the cover material is a fabric
2 configured to be at least partially tucked into the opening.

1 16. The system of Claim 13 wherein the contoured surface further
2 comprises at least one arched section.

1 17. The system of Claim 16 wherein the opening comprises a slot-like
2 opening adjacent the arched section.

1 18. The system of Claim 17 wherein the opening further comprises a pair
2 of slot-like openings on the back side.

1 19. The system of Claim 13 further comprising an insert member
2 configured to engage the opening.

1 20. The system of Claim 19 wherein the insert member is formed
2 substantially in a T shape and configured to tuck the cover material into the opening.

1 21. The system of Claim 13 further comprising at least one trim piece
2 having a decorative profile and coupled to at least one of the elongated member and
3 the return member.

1 22. The system of Claim 21 wherein the at least one trim piece comprises
2 multiple trim piece segments.

1 23. The system of Claim 13 wherein at least one of the elongated member
2 and return member further comprise a textured surface.

1 24. The system of Claim 13 further comprising at least one projection
2 extending from the back side and configured to slidably engage a bracket for movably
3 mounting the elongated member to a mounting surface.

1 25. The system of Claim 13 wherein the return members further comprise
2 tabs configured to support the contoured surface when the return members are
3 coupled to the elongated members.

1 26. A commercial product in the form of a kit for a modular cornice
2 system, comprising:

3 at least one substantially rigid face panel having a front side with a contoured
4 surface and at least one opening, and a back side with at least one opening; and
5 side panels having an integrally formed connector configured to interconnect
6 with the face panel.

1 27. The commercial product of Claim 26 further comprising instructions.

1 28. The commercial product of Claim 26 wherein the at least one opening
2 comprises a slot and a cavity.

1 29. The commercial product of Claim 28 wherein the cavity comprises a
2 generally cylindrical shape configured to receive at least one cover material tucked
3 through the slot.

1 30. The commercial product of Claim 26 wherein the at least one
2 substantially rigid face panel is two or more face panels that are configured to
3 interconnect.

1 31. The commercial product of Claim 30 further comprising a connector
2 configured to join the face panels.

1 32. The commercial product of Claim 31 wherein the connector is a
2 substantially cylindrical member configured to engage corresponding structure on the
3 face panels.

1 33. The commercial product of Claim 26 wherein the face panel is
2 configured to be cut to a desired length by a user.

1 34. The commercial product of Claim 26 further comprising at least one
2 trim member configured to connect with the at least one of the face panel and the side
3 panel.

1 35. The commercial product of Claim 26 further comprising at least one
2 clip for securing a cover material to the side panel.

1 36. The commercial product of Claim 26 wherein the side panel comprises
2 separate pieces that may be coupled by connectors so that a gap exists between the
3 separate pieces.

1 37. The commercial product of Claim 36 wherein the separate pieces have
2 a contour configured to form a contoured surface that generally corresponds to the
3 contoured surface of the face panel when the pieces are coupled by the connectors.

1 38. A cornice system, comprising:
2 at least one first panel having a contoured surface and at least one substantially
3 inflexible slot-like opening; and
4 at least two second panels having a first end with at least one connector for
5 coupling the second panel to the first panel; and
6 a retainer on the first panel configured to movably mount the first panel and
7 the second panel to a mounting surface.

1 39. The system of Claim 38 further comprising a cover material applied at
2 least partially over at least one of the first panel and the second panels.

1 40. The system of Claim 39 wherein the cover material is selected from the
2 group consisting of a coating, a paint, a stain, a wallpaper, a fabric, a textile material,
3 and an appliqué.

1 41. The system of Claim 40 wherein the slot-like opening comprises a
2 cavity configured to receive and retain the cover material.

1 42. The system of Claim 41 further comprising an insert member
2 configured to insert the cover material through the slot-like opening.

1 43. The system of Claim 42 wherein the insert member is a substantially T
2 shaped member configured to remain within the slot-like opening.

1 44. The system of Claim 38 further comprising at least one trim member
2 configured to connect to at least one of a top or a bottom of the first panel.

1 45. The system of Claim 44 wherein the trim member comprises a gap
2 configured to retain a portion of a cover material.

1 46. The system of Claim 44 wherein the trim member comprises a side
2 panel connectible to the second panel.

1 47. The system of Claim 38 wherein the at least one substantially
2 inflexible slot-like opening comprises at least two openings on a front side of the first
3 panel so that a cover material tucked within the openings may be conformed to the
4 contoured surface.

1 48. The system of Claim 47 wherein the at least one substantially
2 inflexible slot-like opening comprises at least two openings on a back side of the first
3 panel so that a cover material tucked within the openings may be conformed around a
4 top and a bottom of the first panel.

1 49. The system of Claim 38 wherein the first panel, the slot-like opening
2 and the retainer are integrally formed as a single extruded member.

1 50. The system of Claim 38 wherein at least one of the first panel and the
2 second panel are formed from a plastic material.